

**Wednesday, March 29**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Ireland, renowned for its pub culture, became the first country in the world to impose a nationwide ban on smoking in public places, including pubs, bars and restaurants

**1827:** More than 10,000 mourners turned up to composer Ludwig van Beethoven's funeral in Vienna

**1989:** French President Francois Mitterrand opened the vast glass pyramid outside the Louvre Museum in Paris

**2005:** UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said he would not resign despite being criticized in an investigation into the Iraq oil-for-food scandal